



TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ



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Wasa & District Lions Club Donate \$1000 to Kimberley's Helping Hands Food Bank



Pictured from left to right are Charlie Harding, Heather Smith and Jack Davis

Heather Smith was overwhelmed to receive a donation of \$1000.00 from the Wasa & District Lions Club. Heather was happy to point out that the Kimberley "Helping Hands Food Bank" not only provides food hampers and Christmas hampers, they also support breakfast programs at Kimberley's middle and high schools, Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, the

Community Kitchen, the Social and Recreation Club for Handicapped Adults and numerous other agencies.

Volunteerism, and those who care, are in abundance in our beautiful Communities; Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year everyone.

Welcome Post Mistress Marli Price

Marlie Price opened the doors to Wasa's new Post Office on November 13th. The Post Office is now located in the Wasa Building Supply building on 6102 Wasa Lake Park Drive. The mail boxes will be accessible from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Marlie can be reached at the Post Office at 250.422.3122.



Thank You to everyone that donated to the Wasa Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday's & Tuesday's
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday's 9:00 to 1:00 pm
Thursday's & Friday's
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Join us in congratulating Marlie on her new position and a special thanks to Dale Davis of the Wasa Building Supply for allowing the "Tri-Village Buzz" newsletter box to reside on the premises.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the Wasa Community Church at 7:00 pm



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The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching and Holiday Cheer will be flowing and we will all be over indulging in spirits and cateries with family and friends. We at The Buzz would like to remind all our friends and readers to partake responsibly in your partying and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Prudence and Awareness are virtues to success and happiness!!!!

Seeing it is the season of giving, I think the time is right to dole out Mario's first annual wish list for some loco (oops I mean local) and some not-so-local sports figures.

Wasa Slo-Pitch Team -

To Murray and crew I bestow upon them:

- some young talented prairie players to lower their average age to around 50
- a couple of older athletes to maintain the experience level that they achieved over the years
- an injury free season for all of the talent-laden squad. (lol)
- a return to the Glory Days (?????)
- a travel bus to Palm Springs to open up spring training in March.
- a healthy return to action by G.O. to shore up the outfield.

Garth Olafson:

- continued success with the kids' baseball team and a repeat of last years' winning form.

Jim Hill (skip for local Masters curling team):

- a return to form of last years' squad.
- winning the East Kootenay zones and a return to Provincials to be held in Nanaimo in 2013.

Local senior curling team:

- After 2 years of misfortune, 1 more point in round robin games to qualify for playoff round in Kamloops in 2013.

Ryan McGill (head coach fo Kootenay Ice):

- continued improvement and development from young players and consistency in goal tending and maybe (just maybe) a run at a playoff spot to keep streak of continuous years of reaching playoffs in tact.
- return to coaching in professional ranks.

Jeff Chynoweth (GM of Ice):

- attendance figures continue to rise at Western Financial Place.
- continued success with draft picks and trades.
- competitive teams for the foreseeable future and years beyond.

Tiffany Johnson (pr rep for Kootenay Ice):

- continued success in your endeavours at getting us writers and reporters all the necessary stats and news worthy Ice tid-bits in your weekly press releases.

Roman Vopat (head coach Kimberley Dynamiters):

- playoff win versus arch rivals Fernie Ghostriders in playoffs.
- more success on special teams' performance.
- KIJHL title

Sam Reinhart (Ice player):

- successful 2nd half in WHL.
- 1st round selection in the upcoming NHL 2013 draft.

Calgary Flames

- a transformation from the Abbotsford Heat (Flames farm team) into the Calgary Flames
- Heat are currently one of the hottest teams in AHL and young hopefuls are playing well.

Edmonton Oilers:

- playoffs
- loaded with young draft picks and free agents, the Oilers look poised for a serious run at Lord Stanley's Cup in the near future.

Mike Gillis (GM of Vancouver Canucks):

- more than a flat of beer and a bag of hockey pucks for Roberto Luongo.
- success from goalie Corey Schneider and a return to Stanley Cup finals.
- younger players to blend in with an aging and veteran team.

College of the Rockies Volleyball teams (men & women):

- continued success for their nationally ranked programs.
- more butts in seats to see this exciting brand of volleyball.

Regional Golf Courses:

- a complete overall review of golf course accounting and management.
- a lowering of prices to encourage all players to visit their establishments. Better to be booked at 100% at a lower rate than 25% at current rate. If current trend continues, there will be a reduction in golf courses in our area-not good for the local consumer.

ICE SHAVINGS

At press time, The Ice have achieved a mini resurgence winning 3 games in a row including 2 shutouts. The streak started in Calgary Nov. 12 shutting out the heavily favored Hit Men 4-0. Visiting Brandon Wheat Kings were beaten by the Ice twice in back-to-back meetings at Western Financial Place Nov. 16/17. Goalie MacKenzie Skapski has recorded 2 shutouts in the mini streak as he tries to build a solid foundation for the 2nd half of the year. Leading goal scorer Brock Montgomery will be out of the lineup for approximately 2 weeks and will

be sorely missed. 17 year old Sam Reinhart continues to lead the team in points as he continues to improve and light up professional scouts' eyes. Defensively the team is starting to buy into coach McGill's philosophy and is showing signs of contending in the central division. Gift cards are available in any amount at the Box Office for a great Christmas stocking stuffer.

December Kootenay Ice

Home Games start at 7:00pm

Tue. Dec 4	vs	Calgary
Fri. Dec 7	vs	Prince Albert
Tue. Dec 11	vs	Kelowna
Fri. Dec 28	vs	Spokane
Mon. Dec 31 (5pm)	vs	Calgary

January 2013 Kootenay Ice

Home Games start at 7:00pm

Wed. Jan 2	vs	Red Deer
Fri. Jan 4	vs	Swift Current
Sun. Jan 6 (6 pm)	vs	Red Deer
Tue. Jan 8	vs	Edmonton
Fri. Jan 11	vs	Medicine Hat
Wed. Jan 23	vs	Medicine Hat

DYNAMITERS DYNAMICS

The Nitros enter the month of December in 2nd place in the Eddie Mountain Division of the KIJHL. Formidable Foe Fernie sits atop the standings while the Blasting Crew maintains a slim 3 point lead ahead of Golden while playing 3 more games. Defense man Isaac Scacher leads the team in scoring followed by all-star Jared Marchi, rookie Eric Buckley and Sam Nigg. Reserve goalie Bryce Halverson continues to impress with a goals against average of 2.90 and a save percentage of .902. Returnee Jeremy Mousseau (GAA of 3.24 and SP of .900) is still looking for that elusive consistent run to propel his team to the top of the standings. Coach Volpat will need to see more effort and discipline from his group if they want to contend for a title.

December Dynamiter Home Games

7:00 pm	Wed. Dec 5	vs	Golden
7:00 pm	Sun. Dec 9	vs	Gr Forks
2:00 pm	Sat. Dec 15	vs	Summerland
7:00 pm	Sat. Dec 22	vs	Fernier

Jan 2013 Dynamiter Home Games

Tue. Jan 15	vs	Columbia Valley
Sat. Jan 19	vs	Penticton
Fri. Jan 25	vs	Columbia Valley
Tue. Jan 29	vs	Creston

Local sports is our passion; Contact me at mcarellitelus.net if you have any anecdotes or sports related tid-bits that you would like covered; See you all next issue:



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PS Happy 51st Birthday
Jack!

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News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



Merry Christmas! By now we are all in high gear with all the things that happen around this time of year. I'm sure that many of you already have booked schedules, but for those who still have an opening on Friday, December 14th, there will be a Christmas Dinner Theatre at the Wasa Community Hall. It will start at 6:30 p.m. and the cost of the tickets are \$20.00 each. After expenses, the money raised from this dinner will go to the Riziki Children's Home in Kenya Africa. This home takes in boys and girls that are homeless or that have been orphaned because of AIDS. The purpose of the Riziki Home is to create and sustain a new, safe and secure life for these children. A representative from the Home will be in attendance and will have a short 7 minute DVD presentation about this home. If you are interested in a ticket for this evening, give Patsy a call at 422-9226.

We will be having our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Wasa Community Church.** This is a great evening of Carol Singing, Scripture Reading, and ending the evening with the Candle lighting. If you do not already have plans for Christmas Eve, or if you would like to start a new Christmas Eve Tradition consider coming out to this evening.

If any of you have any spiritual questions please give me a call at 422-3344, I would be more than happy to talk or visit with you. Remember to take time this Christmas Season to sit back and relax, enjoy your family and friends, and reflect on what Christmas is all about. Have a wonderful Christmas Season. God bless.

Pastor Gary Semenyna



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MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS

The lovely Memorial Garden behind the Community Hall has been put to bed for the winter. This peaceful place was created by the Wasa & District Historical Association with proceeds from the book, *KOOTENAY RIPPLES: A History of Wasa, TaTa Creek and Skookumchuck* plus a few grants. The garden has a Pioneer Plaque, five flower beds, a Memorial Wall with dozens of individual names, a waterwheel, two benches, and a columbarium. The flower beds

are set out each spring by Sandy Kay and groomed each week by one of nine volunteers. The plaques on the Memorial Wall honour departed citizens... and may be placed for a couple who have one deceased and the other spouse will have the date of death added later. Those plaques (\$250) may be ordered through Bev Rauch at 422-3335.

The columbarium is an above ground burial wall with each niche able to hold two urns. If you and/or your loved one plan to be cremated, this is a very dignified resting place for your ashes.

Elections at the October Meeting of the Wasa & District Historical Association

- President (returned) - Naomi Miller

- Vice-President - Sandy Kay
- Treasurer - Bev Rauch
- Secretary - Sandy Jensen
- Directors- Brenda Rauch, Bev Falkiner, Judy McPhee, Don Konschuh, Harry Stienwandt, Tootie Gripich, and Pat Walkey.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL READERS OF THE BUZZ

Remember you can purchase a copy of

KOOTENAY RIPPLES \$50.

A Memorial Plaque \$250.

A Niche for burial \$1000.

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Remember Christmas is coming.
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The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

ANNUAL LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

The Wasa & District Lions would like to thank the community for their continued support of our Annual **Christmas Dance**, held on December 1st. It is a fun event and is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. We would like to thank the businesses and individuals that donated prizes, the volunteers that put in countless hours preparing everything for the party and to all the people who attended.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT -UP CONTEST

Judging will take place Sunday, December 16th. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$60 and third prize is \$40. The winners will be contacted by phone. This is something we all look forward to each year. It's a great night for families to tour the area and see the beautiful lights and/or decorations in our community.

**THE WASA & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
WISH ALL OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**BEST WISHES FOR A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
SEE YOU IN 2013!**

Merry Christmas

PET'S PLACE

Tasha is an eleven year old Shiba Inu. She was born in Skookumchuk and moved to Golden when she was adopted at 8 weeks old. People have commented that Tasha is an exception to the rule when it comes to Shiba Inus. She is a very quiet, meek and humble dog. She is extremely gentle, loves to "go for walks" and will do almost anything for cheese or chicken!



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SUBMITTED BY IDA CALE

KIDS NEWS

It's beginning to look a lot like winter and a good way to spend a Tuesday morning is at the library reading books like "Get Ready for Snow", "The Magic Sky", "Ice is Nice", "Sadie and the Snowman", "Arctic Song" and "The Big Storm". Plan to borrow some books to read at home – you can keep them for 3 weeks to enjoy many re-reads at bedtime.



MOVIE NEWS

Thanks to whoever dropped off the DVD movies which included a couple of westerns, some ocean documentaries and the Narnia series. We will sort and catalogue any donated movies to be borrowed for your viewing pleasure.

We also had a huge box of VHS tapes donated that include exercise routines from calisthenics to yoga.

Please let us know if there is interest in keeping these tapes at the library or would they be better utilized if they are kept at the gym. Your thoughts please.

BOOK NEWS

Two of our patrons recommended these books:

AWAKENING

S.J. Bolton

"Set in England, this captivating mystery explores barbaric ancient rituals, a 50 year old tragedy and a very inventive murderer."

TANDIA

Bryce Courtenay

"If you enjoyed 'The Power of One', the author continues the tale of Peekay as a young man in South Africa."

Put the library on your holiday list to browse our great assortment of fiction and non-fiction to ensure that you have lots of reading material over the holiday season. And make a New Year's resolution to treat yourself to easy adventure at the Armchair Traveler Series 2013. See you there!

The Library will be closed for the holidays from December 20th to January 8th.

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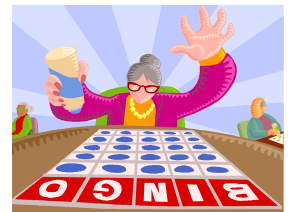
BINGO ALERT! BINGO ALERT! BINGO ALERT!

Submitted by Orlena Campbell

The January Bingo, will be my last one as Bingo Manager. I have volunteered for so many years that I can't even remember what year I took it over. Time for someone else....if no one comes forward....this is what will happen.

The Hall relies on the Bingo revenue to keep it running. No Bingo.... then the only solution would be everyone's taxes would have to be increased to cover the expense of running the hall. I have 2 months of Bingo to train someone and I have documented everything. If you want to know what the job entails, please phone me at 250-422-3773.

A very special thank you to all my volunteers and the locals who have supported us every month. Susan Manahan and crew have done an excellent job of the concession. She even keeps the Quilters fed once a month. Merry Christmas to everyone!

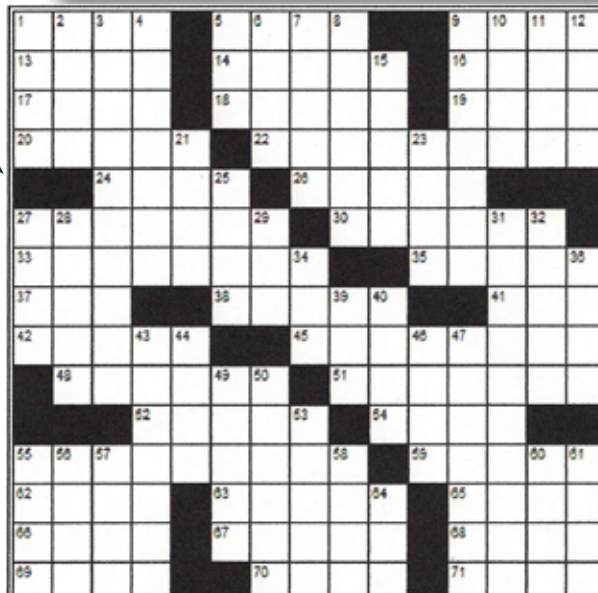


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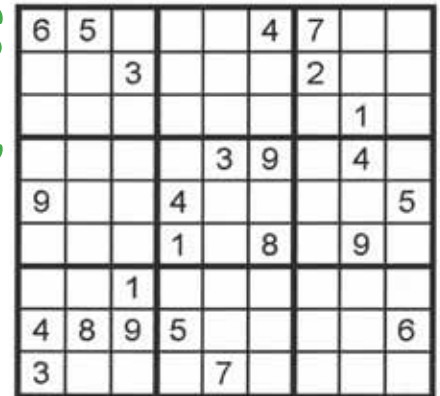
1. Labels
5. At the peak of
9. Plateau
13. Offended
14. Equestrian
16. False god
17. Murres
18. Positive pole
19. Gave temporarily
20. Father Christmas
22. Accountment
24. Russian parliament
26. Mixture of rain and snow
27. Itemizing
30. Sled
33. Aardvark
35. City in France
37. Prefix meaning "Modern"
38. Horse
41. "___ Maria"
42. Sea eagles
45. Social reformer
48. Incumbency
51. Hermit
52. Delicacy
54. Epic
55. Attacker
59. Dishes out
62. Big party
63. Adult male singing voice
65. Tab
66. Portent
67. A person who is owned by someone
68. Thorny flower
69. Lady's escort
70. Toboggan
71. Again



DOWN

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. As a result | 21. Dogfish | 44. Certain |
| 2. Emanation | 23. Chick's sound | 46. Fraud |
| 3. A flat circular stone | 25. Picnic insects | 47. Math |
| 4. Ordinance | 27. Alley | 49. Relaxes |
| 5. Genus of macaws | 28. Unreactive | 50. Artists' workstands |
| 6. Hue | 29. Obtain | 53. Anagram of "Talon" |
| 7. Smells | 31. Commencement ceremony | 55. All excited |
| 8. Foot levers | 32. Bees live in them | 56. Contest |
| 9. Territorial reserve | 34. Record (abbrev.) | 57. Secluded valley |
| 10. Biblical garden | 36. Arid | 58. Wander |
| 11. A short musical composition | 39. Mistake | 60. If not |
| 12. Anagram of "Last" | 40. Membership fees | 61. Killed |
| 15. Fend off | 43. Competitor | 64. Crimson |

Sudoku (Easy)



1. What is the name of Rudolf's dad?
a) Dick b) Cliff
c) Murray d) Donner
2. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
a) Stephen King
b) Steven Stevens
c) Steven Spielberg
d) Tim Burton
3. The rabbit in the magic hat in "Frosty the Snowman" is name?
a) Blackie b) Rabbit-in-the-Hat
c) Hocus Pocus d) Bun Buns
4. What is the guardian angel of George Bailey named in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
a) Ken b) Clarence
c) Bob d) Jim
5. What did Ralphie want for Christmas in "A Christmas Story"?
a) A semi-automatic pistol
b) A BB gun c) A blow-up doll
d) A WI game
6. What is the Scrooges' first name?
a) Terry b) Ebenezer
c) Jack d) Wayne
7. Why was the Grinch so nasty? Because he had a:
a) Hangover b) Flat tire on his quad
c) Small Heart
d) Meddling Mother-in-law



TRIVIA

Find a Word (SANTA CLAUS)

boots
magic bag
chimney
stockings
coal
cookies
milk
jolly
toymaker
workshop
sleigh
rooftop
Donner
Blitzen
night
hat
presents
kindness
naughty
nice
list
letters
Ho o ho
beard
red suit

Santa
Mrs. Claus
elves
North Pole
reindeer
Dasher
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Rudolph
cherry nose



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Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Sandy Kay 250.422.3288
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
Brenda Rauch
250.422.3335

In addition, BINGO's are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:45 pm and regular at 7:00 pm.

Wasa Community Church

PRESENTS

THE INNKEEPERS DILEMMA

Christmas Dinner Theatre

Friday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.
Wasa Community Hall
Tickets - \$20.00 per person
For tickets or information call
Patsy @ 422-9226

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- ☐ Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- ☐ All users must sign in with date and time
- ☐ All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign-in desk
- ☐ All users are required to wear "gym shoes" - no street shoes permitted
- ☐ All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- ☐ Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- ☐ Have fun and be safe!



In the morning 7:30 am to 8:30 am...
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10 am to 11 am Mondays and Wednesdays
Contact: Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201



We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.

GYM HOURS AND INFO

Fanny's Festive Favorites

JALAPENO POPPER DIP

1 8 oz pkg Cream Cheese (room temp)
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 ½ cup shredded Cheddar Cheese
 ½ cup Parmesan Cheese
 1 - 4 oz can sliced Jalapenos, drained

Topping:
 ¼ cup Panko bread crumbs
 ¼ cup Parmesan Cheese



Preheat oven to 350°

Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise, cheddar cheese, Parmesan and jalapenos pour into medium sized baking dish.

Mix together "Topping" ingredients and sprinkle over dip.

Bake for about 20 minutes or until cheese has melted and turned golden brown.

DANGEROUSLY DELICIOUS

1 Package Instant Chocolate Pudding Mix
 ½ cup Vodka
 ½ cup Baileys Irish Cream
 1 cup Milk



Whisk all ingredients together. Pour into small cups or desert dish and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Top with whip cream

BACON WRAPS

12 slices Bacon
 6 whole Dates (cut in half)
 Cayenne Pepper (to taste)
 Maple Syrup approx ¾ cup



Lay slice of bacon flat, place half date at one end and sprinkle with cayenne pepper. Roll bacon around date and secure with a toothpick. Repeat using remaining bacon and dates. Place in shallow baking dish lined with foil or parchment paper and pour maple syrup over top. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes or until bacon is crisp.

ANSWERS



12 Differences

1) Portion of lady's hair is missing 2) Line on man's songbook is missing 3) Top of streetlight is missing 4) Lid line on lady's lantern is missing 5) End of scarf is colored in 6) Button on man's jacket is moved up 7) Musical note on far left is moved down 8) End of scarf is moved 9) Tophat band is wider 10) Lady's hat is longer 11) Ribbon tail is longer 12) Note by tophat is reversed

Trivia 1) d, 2) d, 3) c, 4) b, 5) b, 6) b, 7) c



WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)



Submitted by Clay Tippet

At the most recent board meeting we voted unanimously to engage McElhanney Associates to do a review and outline possible next steps towards a remedy for the flooding which occurred this summer in Wasa. The study will include going back to the granddaddy of flood studies of Wasa, the Baker report as well as reviewing water elevation records, photographs and a site visit. If it were concluded that additional or upgraded physical structures could reduce flooding in the future, a further detailed engineering study would be required to narrow down the options. This second study would also be needed to provide sufficient data to get approval from BC Environment for any construction. An update on our options will be presented to the public prior to any construction being committed to.

Thanks go out to volunteers Jim Hill and Annelise McRae for keeping track of the lake and river levels and to Laurie Kay and folks he recruited to help with the lake testing.



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FOR CHRISTMAS:

**OFFER THE GIFT OF "FREEDOM"
AND FREE EVERYONE YOU KNOW**

It's not easy to reflect upon the common habit of imprisoning others behind the bars of unspoken emotional contracts. No one talks about it, but it is a fact that, behind any relationship between two people, there always exist subtle agreements, which sooner or later become the source of frustrations and disappointments. The mother expects her children to behave according to what she wants. A daughter hopes that her mother will not try to control her. A husband expects his wife and children to recognize his authority. Someone intends to be perfectly understood by his best friend. A son wants his father to be less authoritative and more understanding of his expectations in life, and so on. How many times have you been surprised or shocked by the unexpected attitude of someone who should not have spoken to you the way they did?

No matter what relationship you have with someone, this relationship exists because of implied rules, terms and limits, which must not be broken for the relationship to

continue harmoniously. But as you know, human nature is unpredictable. This unpredictability is caused by the unconscious existence of ancient emotions, which can dramatically change the course of an exchange with someone. These emotions can render the one facing you absolutely unrecognizable.

The secret to living in total harmony with everybody you encounter, including those close to you, is to give them the right to be who they are, because they cannot be otherwise.

Christmas should be a spiritual period of love, kindness, compassion and forgiveness. If, during this wonderful and magical time, you are in conflict with certain people, especially people that you love, such as your parents, children or friends, then why don't you give them back their right to be who they are? I call this offering the "gift of freedom". You can always find reasons or excuses for your conflict with others, but it doesn't bring you any good because the sadness of the conflict itself is a constant burden to you. The true reason for any conflict is that we deprive others from the right to be who they are. For example, if someone talks to you in a way that

breaks your unspoken contract, remember that you have no control over what they think, say or do. By giving people the right to be as they are, you immediately position yourself as a quiet observer, rather than being the victim of your own emotions.

For Christmas, sincerely free all the people you know from your expectations and grant them the right to be who they are, because at this moment they cannot be different. Everyone evolves and transforms at their own rate, and life is too precious to lose one more second in conflict with others, especially those we are supposed to love.

Merry Christmas to you! Merry Christmas to all!

With blessings and love!
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the Armchair Traveller

SUBMITTED BY BEV FALKNER

Last month I asked you to put up a schedule of events in a prominent place. This month I am asking you to take it down and put up a new one. We now have a complete list.

THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER - STARTS 7:30 PM

- Wed. Jan 16th Korea
Andrea and Dan Bailly-Kaufman
- Wed. Jan 30th Famous Cities on the Danube
Donella MacIntyre / Rene Farwig
- Wed. Feb 13th Turkey
Bob and Rhonda Gyurkovits
- Wed. Feb 27th The Grand Canyon
Gerry Warner
- Wed. Mar 13th Spain/Portugal/Morocco
Sharon Prinz
- Wed. Mar 27th Paddling the Columbia
Karen Proudfoot



Andrea sent in the following description of their presentation on Korea:

"When telling people that we spent a year in Korea, the most common question is: 'Why Korea?' Come find out! With an amazing culture, fabulous food, their remarkable language, and wonderful people our question is: 'Why not Korea?' We'll take you through the country touching on many of the beautiful and exciting stops along the way. Also you'll get to learn a traditional Korean folk game, a little of the language, and even pick up some simple, delicious recipes. Come join us as we explore

the natural, architectural, and cultural wonders of one of the world's most overlooked tourist destinations."

Doesn't that sound interesting!!!

Describing "Famous Cities on the Danube" this is what Danella had to say;

"The bike and boat adventure along the Danube River is one of the most popular bike tours in Europe with good reason. Between the Austrian and Hungarian landscape and the Danube River Bend, natural beauty awaits as well as art, culture and history.

From the charming Bavarian "Three River City" of Passau straight into the heart of the once glorious Imperial and Royal Monarchy, we enjoyed four countries and three of the most enchanting European capitals: the lively Vienna, City of Music, the Slovak coronation city of Bratislava, and Budapest, the Hungarian "Danube Queen."

The landscape of the Danube is lush and ever changing. By bicycle we discovered the stunning natural wonder of the Great Loop, the legendary Wachau with romantic towns and mighty castles, the forests of the National Danube Park, terraced vineyards creeping upward along steep river banks, and the amazing Danube bend where the river appears to turn on itself.

Our ship, the MV My Story, served as our hotel as it moved along the river ahead of us, docking in the next port ready to welcome us back aboard after a day's cycling or sightseeing."

Now doesn't that sound just as exciting and interesting!!

We hope to see you there. If you have any extra Christmas baking left we would appreciate it. And we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year ---I am sure Santa knows that we have all been good!

WASA RECREATION SOCIETY

The fall projects at the community hall have been completed. The insulation project was completed by High "R" Expectations Insulation from Cranbrook. We also upgraded the safety lights and installed programmable thermostats both completed by Jim Hill. Our hopes are that these two upgrades will reduce our high BC Hydro costs. Both projects were funded through the Columbia Basin Community Initiatives. The Community Hall is very fortunate to have benefited from this funding through the Columbia Basin Trust and Regional District of East Kootenay. Thank you.

The new year will bring new projects to our list.

The Wasa Recreation Society would like to thank TOPs and the Wasa Community Library for their generous donations to the Community Hall. Their generosity supports hall costs and in return supports the community events.

Thank you to Slim Pickins' staff for being a drop off place for keys for the community hall for the past year.

And to all our Community Hall volunteers whether its at bingo, a fix-it job, working the concession, baking, or lending a helping hand when needed, thank you, it makes our community hall a better place.

Our meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We are always looking to have new members and new ideas. Please don't hesitate to join us.

From the committee members of the Wasa Recreation Society we wish all a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely from: Stan Kneller, Karen Markus, Sandy Kay, Orlena Campbell, Pat Walkey, Jane Gendron Sonia Blackwell, Ursula Kaufmann, Sophie Rauch, Julie Kneller, Brenda Rauch, June Clubley.

WASA RECREATION SOCIETY





HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



JOHN ROBSON POLITICIAN IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

John Robson was born in 1824 in Ontario, grew up in Sarnia and worked for fifteen years before he came west. When he heard of the 1858 gold rush on the Fraser River he left a wife and three children to look for gold. John and three friends traveled to New York, sailed down the east coast to Panama, took the train across the isthmus, then sailed north to Victoria. Their gold panning gave minimal results so Robson moved close to New Westminster where he obtained jobs clearing town lots or cutting cordwood. This physical work was a contrast to his younger years as a newspaper man.

In 1861 he became editor of The British Columbian. His paper presented items of local interest plus speculation about proposed projects or political legislation. Mainland B.C. was still separate from the colony of Vancouver Island. New Westminster residents felt that their city should be capital when the two amalgamated. John Robson became Mayor of New Westminster in 1864.

In 1866 he was elected as a member of the new 18 seat legislature now set in Victoria. Another new MLA was R.T.Smith who constantly took the opposite stand to Robson. When one Robson proposal was voted in by majority Smith decided to punch his "enemy," push him

down, and kick him. Dr. Helmcken (also an MLA) came to the rescue. As there was no hospital yet, the doctor took Robson to the Helmcken home to recover!

Robson sat as MLA until 1870 when he lost the New Westminster seat. He returned in 1872 representing Nanaimo, having missed the negotiations and celebration of Confederation. The Colony, now Province of British Columbia had a population of 26,000 aboriginals and less than 10,000 immigrants. Robson then took a break from politics and newspapering in 1875, declaring, "declining health" as the reason. Actually he had obtained a cushy job in the Federal Civil Service in Ottawa as paymaster for Canadian Pacific Railway. That \$6,000 a year job was declared redundant in 1879 so he returned to New Westminster, reopened his newspaper, and re-entered the legislature in July 1882. He was in opposition when Premier Beavan resigned. Liberal Wm.Smythe was appointed Premier and Robson appointed as Provincial Secretary, Minister of Finance and Agriculture. Robson settled his wife in a large house in Victoria. Shortly after the 1886 election premier Smythe died. Alexander Davie became Premier until his death in 1889. Robson was appointed Premier. Robson had cautiously accepted the creation of British Columbia then proposed many terms for joining the rest of Canada. He changed the course of the BC legislature from "Fight Canada!" to "Love Canada and obtain as many favors and concessions as possible." Premier John Robson went to England to attend the June 1892 meeting of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire. He died while there, was accorded a funeral in Westminster Abbey, then his wife brought his body back to Victoria for burial in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Robson was MLA for Cariboo. Dr. Hugh Watt of Barkerville won the by-election to replace him. Upon return from Victoria Watt was not allowed to continue practicing in Barkerville so soon became the physician and blustering politician in Fort Steele.

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CAMPGROUND BYLAW

By Area E Director Jane Walter

The RDEK Board gave first and second reading on a proposed new Campground Bylaw.

The proposed bylaw includes: Developers will be required to apply for and obtain a campground permit, before the construction of a new campground or the expansion of an existing facility is allowed. The bylaw will provide a uniform set of development standards for a campground, including density, accessory uses and servicing.

A Public Hearing was held in the Wasa Hall on November 19 for Rural Kimberley and the Wasa, TaTa Creek, Skookumchuk and Sheep Creek plans.

GRANT - IN - AID

The Meadowbrook Community Association will receive \$5,000.00 from the Electoral E Grant-In-Aid, to purchase the mining claim at the Cherry Creek Falls. When all of the conditions have been met.

AGRICULTURAL PLAN

I have been attending the Agricultural meetings held recently throughout our Regional District. The meetings have been very informative and have addressed many key points. In the near future we will be sending out a survey to public producers, retailers and consumers. If anyone is interested in following this process or in taking part you can phone Karen Macleod at the RDEK office 1-888-478-7335 or email: agriculture@rdek.bc.ca

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

An information meeting was held in the Wasa Hall on November 26th, 42 people were in attendance. RDEK Planner, Michele Bates and Planning Technician Jean Terpsma led the groups through discussions relating to area concerns and visions. Michele Bates was very pleased with the response and ideas that came from the meetings. Surveys were sent to over 700 area residents and the deadline is December 7th.

I hope everybody has a good holiday and safe month.

Jane Walter



A Spiritual Master among us

Ven. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha retired from a successful career

as a health practitioner and created a spiritual community at the foothills of the Rockies, where he dedicates himself to the service of humanity, guiding spiritual seekers who come from all parts of the world and all walks of life.

In his recent book, *In the Presence of Truth*. Discovering the Being within, he describes the process of Awakening like a road map, allowing anyone to journey toward the discovery of the Self. He helps you discover the fears that have so far determined the course of your life and how the circumstances of your life, whatever they are, can lead you to experience enlightenment and unwavering happiness.

On October 2, 2012, Ven. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha was interviewed about his book by Rev. Paul John Roach, Senior Minister of Unity Church of Fort Worth, Texas, on Unity Online Radio. This one-hour interview can be downloaded from the radio's website at <http://www.unity.fm/program/WorldSpirituality>.



Seniors' Happy Gang

By Ruth Dovell

Since our regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, which is just after the deadline for submission to the newsletter, I'll present an outline of decisions made. There will be a \$100 donation to the food bank and \$100 donation to the Wasa Church for use of the Church for seniors' activities.

Carpet bowling is at 1 pm every Tuesday, upstairs in the Church. All seniors are welcome to join us for a few hours of fun. Two new members have joined; Dave and Grace Reeves. It was great to have Dale Tagg join us again after his surgery for our October 22nd meeting. Congratulations to Warren and Vi Cockell on their 65th Wedding Anniversary and a Happy Birthday too to Warren.

The next meeting will be on January 21st, 2013.

Our Christmas dinner will be at the Heritage Inn at noon on Sunday December 9th. Phone Brenda at 422 3548 for any further details.

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Church	3	4 Lions Meeting	5	6	7 Court Whist 7pm Ice Hockey Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions	1 / 8
		RDEK OCP Survey deadline is December 7th				
		Ice Hockey	Dynamiters Hockey			
9 Church Senior Gang Christmas Dinner	10	11 BINGO	12	13	14 Dinner Theatre  Ashram Meditation & Teaching 7pm	15
Dynamiters Hockey		Ice Hockey				Dynamiters Hockey
16 Church Lions Light-Up Contest 	17	18 Lions Dinner Meeting	19	20 Library Closes for the Holidays	21 Court Whist 7pm Ashram Meditation & Teaching 7pm	22
						Dynamiters Hockey
23 Church	24 Christmas Eve Candle-light Service 7 pm 	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27	28 Ice Hockey Ashram Meditation & Teaching 7pm	29
30	31 New Years Eve  Ice Hockey					

Hints From Vi

Hello Readers

By Vi Cockell



It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas! Wow, where did the year go?

1. To prevent your car or truck doors from freezing just spray cooking oil onto the rubber seals then rub with a paper towel. This prevents water from melting into the rubber and prevents ice from forming.
2. Party time !!! Someone spills wine onto the carpet. Well just spray with VODKA, scrub with a small brush and blot dry This really works.
3. Slushy times around the corner. Keep those headlights clean by applying ordinary car wax onto them and then buff. The wax contains special water repellents that prevent that messy mixture from accumulating and should last for up to six weeks
4. This is a good one and it works! To prevent your kids [All AGES] from rummaging through the presents to find their gifts before the big day. Instead of writing their names on the tag, use a number corresponding to each family members name. The key is to keep the numbers and names safely hidden until Christmas morning!

In closing a little poem and Happy Holidays to All!!!

CRAYONS

We could learn a lot from crayons.

Some are sharp, some are dull, some have weird names and all are different colors.

But they all live in the same box.

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 Ice Hockey	3	4 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions Ice Hockey	5
6 Church Ice Hockey	7	8 Library Opens BINGO Seniors Carpet Bowling 7pm Ice Hockey	9	10	11 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions Ice Hockey	12
13 Church	14	15 Lions Meeting Seniors Carpet Bowling 7pm Dynamiters Hockey	16 Armchair Traveller	17	18 Cut off for February Newsletter Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions	19 Dynamiters Hockey
	21	22 Seniors Carpet Bowling 7pm	23 Ice Hockey	24	25 Dynamiters Hockey Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions	26
27 Church	28	29 Rec Society 7pm Seniors Carpet Bowling 7pm Dynamiters Hockey	30 Armchair Traveller	31		

- Church Service 10:30 am
- Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30am & 10-11 M,W)
- BINGO 6:45pm
- Rec Society 7:00 pm
- Lions 7:00 pm
- Library Tues 11am - 1pm
- Library Wed 6:30pm -8:30 pm
- TOPS 6:30 pm
- Quilters 10am to 4pm

LEGEND

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- No Newsletter in January
- Wednesday, Feb 13th Armchair Traveller
- Thursday, Feb 14th Valentines Day
- Wednesday, Feb 27th, Armchair Traveller

"You know youre getting old when the candles cost more than the cake"

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